crores of Rupees are not traceable leading to non-realisation of dues;

(d) if so, since when these bills are missing and the circumstances under which these bills got misplaced;

(c) whether any investigation has been made into the working of the accounts branch of the Super Bazar and officials responsible identified and proceeded against so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the dues are proposed to be realised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Distribution of sugar through FPS

12. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that distribution of sugar through Fair Price Shops under PDS has been disrupted due to shortage of sugar since past few months;

(b) if so, what are the month-wise details of quantity of sugar distributed through FP Shops during January to June, 1994 vis-a-vis those of the corresponding period in 1993;

(c) whether Government have received complaints from the administration, consumer for a or from the general public of any State/Union Territory regarding shortage in the availability of sugar for distribution in the PDS;

(d) if so, what are the details of such complaints vis-a-vis comments of Government in respect thereto and

(e) what are the arrangements, if any, being made to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential commodities in general and sugar, in particular, during the coming months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir. However, a few instances of delayed supplies of levy sugar through Fair Price Shops (FPSs) were reported in some parts of the country. The five per cent ad-hoc increase in allocation of levy sugar to States/UTs which was being made with effect from August, 1991 was withdrawn from the month of April, 1994. This has resulted in reduced availability of levy sugar for the PDS since April, 1994.

(b) Central Government makes bulk allocation of levy sugar to States/UTs. Month-wise allocation from January, 1994 to June, 1994 and in the corresponding months of 1993 is given below:—

Month-wise levy sugar allocation to States/UTs

(In lakh tonnes)

Month	1994	1993
January	3.51	3.51
February	3.52	3.51
March	3.50	3.54
April	3.36	3.51
May	3.34	3.51
June	3.36	3.51

(c) and (d) The operational responsibility for actual distribution to consumers through FPSs under the Public Distribution System (PDS) is that of the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. The Central Government does not maintain details regarding complaints relating to shortage of sugar in FPSs. Such problems related to FPSs regarding non-supply of PDS commodities etc. are looked into by the District Authorities in the interest of quick and effective redressal to consumers.

(e) To meet the gap between the requirements for distribution to the consumers through the PDS and the availability of indigenous (levy) sugar, the Government has directed the State Trading Corporation and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation to import sugar for distribution through PDS. All possible steps are being taken by the Government to maintain uninterrupted supply of sugar for distribution through PDS.

Release of sugar quota

13. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise release of sugar quota during the month of May and June, 1994; and

(b) what was the sugar price under PDS quota for different States during these months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A statement (*See* below) showing State-wise allocation of levy sugar quota including festival quota for the months of May, 1994 and June, 1994 is enclosed.

(b) The end retail price of levy sugar through the Public Distribution System is Rs. 9.05 per kg. at present. This price is uniform for all States/UTs and has been effective from 1.2.1994.

Statement

(Tonnes)

Sl. No.	State/UT	May, 1994	June, 1994
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	25281	25281
2	Andaman & Nicobar	247	247
3	Arunachal Pradesh	314	314
4	Assam	9617	9617
5	Bihar	33459	33459
6	Chandigarh	372	372
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	51	51
8	Delhi	9921	9921